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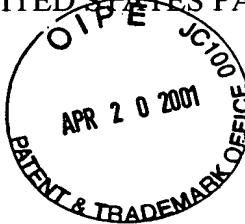
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Solutions Containing
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**Petition Regarding Figures Deposited
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Sir:

Applicants request that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) grant this petition regarding figures deposited at the PTO with the original application papers for the captioned application. Figures 3A, 3B, 17A and 17B were deposited in the PTO with the Non-Provisional Application papers on the original filing date, December 21, 2000. A copy of the original postcard, bearing an OIPE date-stamp of December 21, 2000 is included as evidence of such deposit. The date-stamped postcard itemizes the Figures submitted and specifically includes Figures 3A, 3B, 17A and 17B. Applicants resubmit herewith a copy of each of Figures 3A, 3B, 17A and 17B for review by the PTO.

This request is accompanied by the processing fee as set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i), in our attached check no. 31029 for \$130.00. Applicants request that this petition fee be refunded to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036 if it is determined the Figures were previously received by the PTO.

Applicants hereby authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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1. Transmittal letter to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (in duplicate);
2. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/05);
3. Application Data Sheet;
4. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled: **Apparatus and Method for Drying Solutions Containing Macromolecules** and naming as inventors: Abdul H. Ally; Brent W. Henry; and Michael W. Schuette, the application consisting of: A specification containing: 25 pages of description prior to the claims; 7 pages of claims (49 claims); a one (1) page abstract; 27 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1, 2, 3A-3B, 4-16, 17A-17B, 18-26);
5. A copy of the executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application, as originally filed in U.S. Appl. No. 09/005,477;
6. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) (in duplicate); and
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